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## DR. TEMPLE GRANDIN AND A CPD FACULTY FELLOW ON UTAH PUBLIC RADIO

October 26, 2011 by JoLynne Lyon



Dr. Temple Grandin

An interview with Dr. Temple Grandin will air on Utah Public Radio tomorrow (Thursday, October 27) at 9 a.m. during the Access Utah program. This interview airs in advance of Grandin's visit to Utah State University on November 2, when she will deliver two lectures: one on autism, the other on animal handling.

At 9:30 a.m., CPD Faculty Fellow Vicki Simonsmeier will appear on Access Utah. Simonsmeier works with three clinics affiliated with the CPD. All three have an autism focus.

Dr. Grandin is an expert on animal behavior who has designed humane handling systems for half the cattle-processing facilities in the US. She consults with the meat industry nationally and internationally to develop animal welfare guidelines. She also has autism spectrum disorder, and her insider's view of ASD has added a lot to the world's understanding and discussion of autism.

Dr. Grandin has stressed in books and interviews that people on the spectrum are often sensitive to sounds, smells or other stimuli, to the point that certain sounds, sights or even a touch can be physically painful. These sensitivities can complicate a child's nutrition and make it hard to deal with situations that may be overstimulating.

Simonsmeier works with an interdisciplinary feeding clinic and a social language group that addresses some of these issues.

These are two interviews you don't want to miss!